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SUBJ: USS HAWKINS PORT VISIT TO COLOMBO

FOR COMMANDING OFFICER FROM AMB VAN HOLLEN

1. YOUR VISIT TO COLOMBO WAS CONDUCTED IN EXEMPLARY FASHION. LOW-KEY, NAVY TO NAVY NATURE OF THIS PORT CALL AND OPEN FRIENDLINESS AND OBVIOUS PROFESSIONALISM OF YOUR CREW CREATED EXCELLENT IMPRESSION ON SRI LANKA NAVY.

2. COINCIDENTAL VISIT TO COLOMBO OF SOVIET CRUISER OFFERED SRI LANKA NAVY FIRST-HAND COMPARISON OF SOVIET AND AMERICAN SAILORS FROM FIRSTLINE FLEET
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SHIPS. OUTGOING ATTITUDEHF YOUR CREW

PROVIDED FAVORABLE CONTRAST TO RIGID AND
GUARDED CONDUCT OF SOVIET NAVY.
SRI LANKA NAVY-SPONSORED SOVIET-AMERICAN BASKETBALL
GAME (WHICH USN L
N) WAS ADDED ITEM OF INTEREST.

3. YOUR VISIT WAS FIRST TO COLOMBO OF FIVE DAYS
DURATION. PURPOSE OF LONGER STAY WAS TO SATISFY
PROTOCOL AND REPRESENTATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND
STILL LEAVE TIME FOR CREW TO ENJOY RECREATIONAL
ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING TOURS OUTSIDE COLOMBO. BOTH
OBJECTIVES WERE MET, INDICATING THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO
SCHEDULE FUTURE VISITS OF SIMILAR LENGTH.

4. PLEASE EXTEND MY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUR ENTIRE
CREW FOR A JOB VERY WELL DONE.
VAN HOLLEN

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